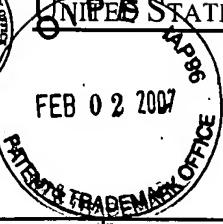




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Status

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-24 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings are objected to because drawing figures 4(b), 4(c), 5-9(a)-(b) are informal handwritten. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

2. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

3. Claims 1, 6, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention lacks practical application. The claims are directed to a judicial exception; as such, pursuant to the Interim Guidelines on Patent Eligible Subject Matter (MPEP 2106), the claims must have either physical transformation and/or a useful, concrete and tangible result. The claims fail to include transformation from one physical state to another. Although, the claims appear useful and concrete, there does not appear to be a tangible result claimed. Merely reciting a timing correction value would not appear to be sufficient to constitute a tangible result, since the outcome of the a timing correction value step has not been used in a disclosed practical application nor made available in such a manner that its usefulness in a disclosed practical application can be realized. An example of a concrete, tangible useful result may include - correcting the timing error in response to or using the timing correction value. As such, the subject matter of the claims is not patent eligible.

4. Claims 15 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. For instance in claims 15 and 20 a machine accessible medium is executed to put out a timing-correction value. A machine by itself is clearly not a process under § 101 because it does not culminate or lead into a concrete and tangible result. The reference to medium recited in claims 15 and 20, such as "a machine-accessible medium" according to the disclosure in the specification, page 1-section 0001, is a carrier signal for example radio wave or signal, is considered non-statutory. Additionally, claim 20 does not disclose a practical

application. An example of a concrete, tangible useful result may include - correcting the timing error in response to or using the timing correction value. The "Interim Guidelines for examination of Patent Applications for Patent subject matter Eligibility", pages 50-51, provides that for claims including such excluded matter to be eligible, the claim must be for a practical application and fall within the statutory classes exemplified. The claim fails to show that it meets the statutory classes of § 101. Hence it is concluded that the claims are Non-statutory as they do not lead a practical application.

Dependent claim 2-5, 7-14, 16-19 and 21-24 are likewise rejected.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

US Patent:

US Pub. (2005/0031029) to Yamaguchi et al.

US Pub. (2002/0102937) to Dapper et al.

US Pub. (2004/0042387) to Geile.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Qutub Ghulamali whose telephone number is (571) 272-3014. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 7:00AM - 4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mohammad Ghayour can be reached on (571) 272-3021. The fax phone

number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is
571-273-8300.

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January 19, 2007.


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